THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) A letter of intent has been issued to M/s Economic Development Corporation of Goa, Daman & Diu Ltd. (EDC) for establishment of a new undertaking for manufacture of Nylon -6/ Nylon-66. The project is being set up in assisted sector. Proposals for foreign collaboration, both technical and financial, as well as for import of capital goods, including a second-hand plant mainly for manufacture of Nylon-66, have been submitted and the same will be considered on merits in accordance with the prevailing policy.

Postman-Population Ratio

1945. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present postman population ratio in the country;

(b) whether this ratio is maintained in Vempalle Village of Cuddapah District of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if not, what action is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The ratio of Postman to population in the country is 1:1343.

(b) No, Sir. The ratio of postman to population in Vempalle Village of Cuddapah District of Andhra Pradesh is 1:13,568.

(c) There is no fixed ratio of postmen to population applicable for all places. The posts of postmen are sanctioned on the basis of traffic handled and uniformity in postman-population ratio is not maintained in all places over the country.

Investment in Petrochemical Plants

1946. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared plans to invest Rs. 450/- crore in petrochemical units during the year 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the main features on which this amount will be utilised and to what extent the production will be improved?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) An investment of around Rs. 400 crores on Central Public Sector Petrochemical projects is envisaged in 1989-90. With the implementation of these projects, the domestic availability of some important petrochemical products *e.g.* polymers, MEG, caprolactam, xylenes will be about doubled.

आबद्ध विद्युत संयंत्र

1947. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्री पृथ्वी माझी:

क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री 24 अगस्त, 1987 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 3387 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने निजी औद्योगिक एककों द्वारा आबद्ध विद्युत संयंत्रों की स्थापना किए जाने के संबंध में कार्यकारी दल की रिपोर्ट पर विचार कर लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या निर्णय लिया गया है; और

(ग) निजी औद्योगिक एककों को किन शर्तों के अधीन देश में विद्युत संयंत्र स्थापित करने की स्वीकृति दी जाएगी?